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SUBJ: WIPO: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1979

1. AFTER REVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S PROPOSED WIPO BUDGET FOR 1979, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE FOLLOWING POINTS BE REFLECTED IN THE US POSITION FOR THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 3 THRU 5.

2. THE PROPOSED 1978 BUDGET INCREASES TO SF 27,613,000 FROM SF 22,991,000 PLUS A SPECIAL PROVISION IN 1978 OF SF 2,520,000. INCREASE, AS CALCULATED BY WIPO, IS 8.2 PERCENT. THAT RATE OF INCREASE IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE INCREASES OF OTHER GENEVA-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO DETERMINE WHETHER WIPO PRIORITIES JUSTIFY SUCH INCREASE.

3. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION ACTIVITIES, WHICH INCLUDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, IS SCHEDULED TO INCREASE 7.2 PERCENT OR SF 195,000 TO SF 4,139,000, OR 15 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET. THE INCREASE INCLUDES SF 68,000 FOR FELLOWSHIPS, SF 64,000 FOR A MODEL LAW FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND SF 32,000 FOR FOLKLORE (IN COOPERATION WITH UNESCO). IN UNCLASSIFIED

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VIEW OF US POLICY TO OPPOSE ANY INCREASES IN REGULAR BUDGET FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EXCEPT IN SOME CLEARLY DEFINED CASES, THE PROPOSED INCREASE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THEY QUALIFY FOR EXCEPTION TO THE NORMAL POLICY.

4. EIGHT NEW POSTS ARE PROPOSED. TWO OF THEM ARE FOR

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SHOULD BE QUESTIONED. FOUR ARE PURSUANT TO THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT). THE USG CONSIDERS PCT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. NEVERTHELESS, THE FOUR PROPOSED NEW POSTS SHOULD BE SCRUTINIZED TO BE SURE THAT ALL ARE FULLY JUSTIFIED. TWO POSTS ARE JUSTIFIED IN CONNECTION WITH INCREASED WORK OF NEW PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON PATENT INFORMATION (PCPI) BUT SHOULD BE QUESTIONED AS PCPI CREATED WITH EXPECTATION THAT WORKLOAD OF OTHER BODIES SUCH AS ICIREPAT ARE BEING PHASED OUT.

5. WIPO WILL MOVE INTO ITS NEW BUILDING IN SEPTEMBER 1978. NONETHELESS, THE 1979 BUDGET INCLUDES SF 64,000 FOR RENTAL OF PREMISES (PAGE 11). THE NEED FOR THIS IS UNCLEAR. ORIGINALLY IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE OLD BUILDING WOULD BE RENTED OUT COMPLETELY. THE CURRENT PROJECTIONS ARE THAT ONLY TWO OF THE FOUR FLOORS WILL BE RENTED. THE RESULTING LOSS OF RENTAL INCOME WILL BE SF 96,000 ANNUALLY. UNLESS SOME UNANTICIPATED EXPLANATION IS FORTHCOMING, THE REVISED PLANS SHOULD BE OPPOSED. REFERENCE IS MADE TO SEPARATE ADDITIONAL INTERPRETERS FOR REGIONAL GROUPS 77, B AND D AT GOVERNING BODIES MEETING (PARA 23). IT IS STANDARD UN PRACTICE FOR SUCH GROUPS TO USE FACILITIES ON QUOTE AS AVAILABLE UNQUOTE BASIS. THE SUGGESTION THAT RESOURCES BE EARMARKED FOR SERVICING ANY INFORMAL GROUP MEETING SHOULD BE OPPOSED.

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6. OTHER BUDGETARY PROVISIONS THAT DO NOT APPEAR TO BE FULLY JUSTIFIED INCLUDE: SF 179,000 FOR INCREASES IN POST ADJUSTMENTS (PARA 34) WHICH SHOULD HAVE COUNTER ENTRY OF SAVINGS ON SALARIES BECAUSE OF EFFECT OF CURRENCY FLUCTUATION; SF 154,000 FOR UNFORESEEN STANDARD STAFF COSTS (PARA 34); A NEW ENTRY OF SF 220,000 FOR ROUND-THE-CLOCK WATCH SERVICES (PAGE 11); AN INCREASE OF SF 143,000 FOR FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT (PARA 39); STAFF FRINGE BENEFITS SUCH AS SF 25,000 FOR HOLIDAY HOME AND SF 32,000 FOR REFRESHMENT MACHINES, HALF OF THE EXPENDITURES BEING RECOVERED FROM STAFF, AND SF 3,000 GRANT TO STAFF ASSOCIATION (PAGE 77).

7. WIPO REPORTEDLY ADHERES TO THE PRINCIPLE OF HOST COUNTRY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCREMENTAL COSTS OF MEETINGS HELD AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS. HOWEVER, THE PRINCIPLE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE CONSISTENTLY APPLIED (PARAS 35 AND 36). CONSIDERATION MAY BE GIVEN TO ENDEAVORING TO APPLY THE PRINCIPLE.

8. WASHINGTON VIEWS ARE REQUESTED WELL IN ADVANCE SO MISSION CAN COORDINATE WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS.

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